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Penroseism is Democracy's Chief Asset

THEY will be no warring in the White House if Penroseism is indulged in Pennsylvania. The democracy is quite ready to do without one vote in the Senate in return for the continued use of Penroseism as campaign material.

Intoxication of the Panoelus Pilaeus

NO, THIS is not a new cocktail nor a cordial of monastic manufacture. For the devotee of the "class that cheers" many and various have been the substitutes devised, but it has remained for modern science to discover a stimulant more potent than alcohol and, if reports are correct, with no after-depression.

In Reply to Gerhardt Hauptmann

NO ONE will dispute Hauptmann's contention that Germany, the Germany of "Kant and Schopenhauer," is the great beacon light of civilization. No one will dispute that she has brought immortal contributions upon the altar of art, science, industry and literature.

Young Men Will Not Be Tricked

TIME was when non voters as they were shipped, as their fathers did before them. Example was everything. Party lines were rigid and men voted blindly, as they were told, for the parties' candidates, irrespective of the merits of the other side.

Worth the Purchase

WHILE Congressmen are busy themselves with a bill for emergency taxation, it may interest others to take a little historical excursion back to February 16, 1783. On that day Patrick Henry's published in Philadelphia, at the very doors of the Congress of the Confederation, an entirely new plan of Federal Government.

Socialists Flirt With War

ACCORDING to the reports of American correspondents, the Socialist movement in Germany has disappeared in these times of war. Vorwarts, the famous Socialist paper, has turned patriotic and for the first time in its history may be sold on Government property and even in the army.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

THAT Joseph Hirt, the artist, married a Philadelphia girl shows his good sense; that he was chased a couple of thousand miles by an earthquake is indicative of his ability to dodge trouble. It began in San Francisco, where Hirt was more or less busy drawing cartoons for a daily paper. It so happened that he was not busy on the night in question, that is, not until the earthquake started—then he became extraordinarily so. In fact, he never stopped being busy until he reached Oakland in safety, minus clothing and money. For three weeks he lived in the refugee camp, awaiting a remittance from his family in this city. Then, disgusted, he became a passenger de luxe on a freight train for Los Angeles. But work and money were even scarcer there, and so he continued in haphazard fashion until Chicago was reached.

Using Childhood to Muddy the Waters

THE massed cohorts of the Organization were able by the slender margin of one vote to override the Mayor's veto of the Municipal Court grab. In explanation of this action, John P. Connelly, commander-in-chief of Penroseism in Council, declared, so the report runs, that "it comes with exceedingly bad grace from the gentleman on the second floor (the Mayor) to obstruct the efforts of the Municipal Court in making to help the delinquent child."

Things That Abide in a Changing Order

TIME never halts. War or no war, the seasons come and go. The rose withers on the stem, and already the pencils of autumn begin to tint the leaves. The guns of Europe do not stop the sun, though they may smash the clock. Time moves on like a river.

Not an Era for Political Brokers

POPULAR government consists in the control of political affairs by public opinion. Public opinion and popular government are inseparable. "The boss," says President Lowell, of Harvard, "does not act mainly as an exponent of public opinion or frame the issues. He cares little for public policy or legislation relating to the general welfare so long as he is allowed to pursue his trade in peace. He is a political broker, but one whose business relates far less to subjects of a genuine public opinion than to private interests."

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